

REMARKS

Claims 5, 10, 12, 16, 26-31, 37, 41, 45, 49, 52, 56, 60, 63, 69, 70, 72, and 76 have been canceled. Claims 42, 65-67, and 71 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 17-25, 32-36, 38-40, 42-44, 46-48, 50, 51, 53-55, 57-59, 61, 62, 64-68, 71, 73-75, 77-88 are currently pending in the application.

The specification has been amended to correct the priority claim. Further the specification has been amended to identify the only two sequences referred to in the specification.

Claim 42 has been amended to correct its dependency due to canceling claim 41.

Claims 65-67 and 71 have been amended by removing the multiple dependencies.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicant awaits an action on the merits.

CONCLUSION

Included herewith is payment in the amount of \$2950.00, which includes the Two-Month Extension of Time fee (\$225.00), the extra claim fees associated with the enclosed Preliminary Amendment (\$1150 for the 46 claims over twenty (46 x \$25.00) and \$1300 for the 13 independent claims over three (13 x \$100.00)), the fee for 45 excess pages over one-hundred (\$125.00), and the additional search fee (\$150.00). This payment is to be charged to a credit card and such payment is authorized by the signed, enclosed document entitled: Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038.

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No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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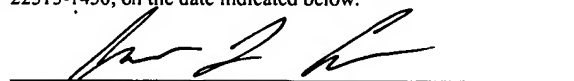
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